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SUBJECT: BELGIUM: H1N1: FOURTEENTH CASE REPORTED

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¶1. Belgian health authorities announced via a press release late on June 5 that a fourteenth positive case of H1N1 had occurred in the Kingdom: a young man from the Flemish Brabant region who had fallen ill sometime during the night of June 2 to June 3, following his return that day from a trip to the United States. The man had spent time in Orlando, Florida, and returned to Belgium on a New York-Brussels flight.

¶2. The man called his doctor on June 4; the doctor, after noting the man's flu symptoms and discussing the case with the health inspector, had a test performed. On June 5, the test came back positive, and the man was transferred to Brussels' Saint Pierre hospital. His case was not believed to be severe.

¶3. The man had not left his house following his return from the United States, and had close contact with seven persons. Those seven are being treated with antivirals and have been asked to avoid contact with others and to monitor their health. Health authorities have asked for a list of passengers from the New York to Brussels, and indicated they would contact passengers who may have come into contact with the sick man.

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